

Re: Excel assumes too much

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Hi Jim,

I tried your suggestion but 17-Dec gets converted to 38338
Do you have any other ideas.

Thanks,

Steve Wilson.

"Jim Rech" <jrrech@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:uzO%23d6QWEHA.2908@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...
> *The OpenText method allows you to specify the data type of each field.*
You
> *would have to specify that this field is text.*
>
> *To see how this is done first temporarily change the file's extension to*
TXT
> *(just so long as it is not CSV). Then record a macro as you open the file*
> *in Excel. The File Import Wizard will appear and you use the third screen*
> *of the wizard to change the field type of the "date" field to Text from*
> *General.*
>
> *The resulting macro will demonstrate using the FieldInfo parameter to*
> *control data type.*
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> *Jim Rech*
> *Excel MVP*
> *"Always Learning" <NoMoreSpam@MyEmail> wrote in message*
> *news:e\$W7FMQWEHA.2716@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...*
> *| Hi There,*
> *|*
> *| I have a procedure that imports a .csv file.*
> *| All was going well until some of the cell values being imported were*
> *| 17DEC,*
> *| 28DEC and that made Excel think they are dates and puts into the cell*

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> 17-Dec
> / & 28-Dec, which is wrong, these are actually stock codes.
> / How do I make sure that when I am processing the data that it stays
> exactly
> / as it is in the .Csv file.
> / Do I have to format the column to be Text before hand? When I tried that
> it
> / changed 17DEC into something like 38334
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> / Any help or advice would be appreciated.
> /
> / Best Regards,
> /
> / Steve Wilson.
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